

# State of North Carolina



MICHAEL F. EASLEY  
GOVERNOR

## ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH

2008

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA

### A PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, every child deserves the chance to grow up in a loving, stable family and adoption is one way to build a family; and

WHEREAS, caring adults can make all the difference in the lives of young people, sibling groups, children of different ethnicities and youth who have been harmed by abuse; and

WHEREAS, last year, more than 1,704 foster children in North Carolina were adopted; and

WHEREAS, more than 802 foster children in North Carolina, with an average age of 11, are currently legally available for adoption, and more will continually become available;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MICHAEL F. EASLEY, Governor of the State of North Carolina, do hereby proclaim November 2008, as "**ADOPTION AWARENESS MONTH**" in North Carolina. I commend this observance to our citizens as an opportunity to celebrate foster and adoptive families and spread awareness on behalf of the hundreds of foster children in North Carolina who are waiting for a loving family. I further encourage the community, businesses, groups, schools, faith-based organizations and families to participate in efforts to find permanent, loving families for North Carolina's waiting children.



A stylized, handwritten signature of Michael F. Easley in dark ink.  
MICHAEL F. EASLEY

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the Great Seal of the State of North Carolina at the Capitol in Raleigh this twenty-fourth day of October in the year of our Lord two thousand and eight, and of the Independence of the United States of America the two hundred and thirty-third.